

### RESTRICTION

The Examiner has restricted the pending claims as follows:

- Group I: Claims 21-40, as being drawn to an ion thruster method (class 244, subclass 164); and
- Group II: Claims 1-20, as being drawn to an ion thruster system (class 244, subclass 166).

### ELECTION

The Applicant hereby reiterates the election of system Claims 1-20 in Group II, with traverse, and hereby elects Species B, Sub-species 2, Sub<sub>2</sub>-species b, Sub<sub>3</sub>-species I, Sub<sub>4</sub>-species B, Sub<sub>5</sub>-species 1, and Sub<sub>5</sub>-species 1a, with traverse. The Applicant believes that the Group II system claims are integrally related to the Group I method claims and that the asserted species are actually embodiments of the same invention.

### REMARKS

Thus, the Applicant respectfully resubmits that herein elected system Claims 1-20, in Group II, are believed to be in allowable form. Therefore, favorable consideration of the foregoing election and these remarks are kindly requested. The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned for any reason which would advance herein elected system Claims 1-20 to allowance.

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